

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 24, 27, 58, 59, 64, and 66 through 75 are pending, with Claims 24, 27, 64, 67, and 72 being independent. Claims 29, 63, and 65 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 24, 27, 58, 59, 64, 66, and 67 have been amended. Claims 68 through 75 have been added.

Claims 24, 27, 29, 58, 59, and 63 through 67 were variously rejected again under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over previously-cited U.S. Patent Nos. 5,021,892 (Kita, et al.) and 4,989,163 (Kawamata, et al.), and newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 5,684,607 (Matsumoto). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 24, 27, 64, 67, and 72 variously recite, *inter alia*, first and second copying modes with first and second interfaces as claimed, wherein the first copying operation is completed without requiring any additional designation by the user other than the copying designation.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that none of Kita, et al., Kawamata, et al., and Matsumoto, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 24, 27, 64, 67, and 72.

The Official Action states that Kita, et al. and Kawamata, et al. does not show such features, and therefore relies at page 6 upon Matsumoto's Fig. 3 and col. 3, lines 49 through 59. This reliance is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that Matsumoto shows, e.g., a reading request command (e.g., col. 5, lines 35 et seq.), a file designation command (e.g.,

col. 8, lines 65 et seq.), a data read command (e.g., col. 9, lines 10 et seq.), a data write command (e.g., col. 7, lines 65 et seq.), and a print-out request command (e.g., col. 6, lines 62 et seq.); however, Applicants respectfully submit that neither the foregoing nor the relied-upon Fig. 3 and col. 3, lines 49 through 59, provide either a description or a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 24, 27, 64, 67, and 72, including the recitation of “without requiring any additional designation by the user other than the copying designation”.

It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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